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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 53394.000517

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of :

Andrew BAKER

Serial No.: 09/987,762

Filed: November 15, 2001

For: FLUID HANDLING LAYERS MADE
FROM FOAM AND ABSORBENT
ARTICLES CONTAINING SAME

Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: To Be Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Attention: Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed November 28, 2001, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of November 15, 2001 be granted to this application.

Also enclosed is an executed Assignment document and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

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Applicants respectfully Petition for One-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" mailed November 28, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time until February 28, 2002 be granted.

Enclosed is a check including:

Statutory basic filing fee	\$740.00
Late filing of Declaration	130.00
67 Additional Claims	1,206.00
Assignment	40.00
Extension of Time One-Month	<u>110.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,226.00</u>

In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges, please also charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1206.
 ▪ \$1206 for 67 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2076.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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